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LB 138, 569, 626

for an adjustment and I admire that, as well as the others who support the increase. I'd ask for your support as well for this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: You've heard the closing. The question is the advancement of LB 569. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays on the advancement of LB 569.

SENATOR CROSBY: The bill advances. LB 626.

CLERK: (LB) 626, by Senator Wesely. (Read title.) The bill was introduced in January, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wesely, to open on 626.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. This is a bill I mentioned. Senator Wickersham has another bill, LB 138, dealing with emergency medical services and merging of boards. This is a trauma system bill and it meshes with that legislation, and I will, when we get to the committee amendments, ask you to vote those down. We've rewritten the bill to mesh with the other bill that Senator Wickersham has. Along with myself, Senator Wickersham and Senator Matzke are cosponsors, and Senator Hillman, I believe as well, are cosponsors of this bill. We have worked with the concept to try and improve our system to deal with trauma care. We had an incredible hearing a couple years ago in the Health Committee, that was one of the most moving that you could ever hear. Physicians who had situations where their family members were injured, they went to a hospital, it was not equipped to deal with the trauma situation, and they lost a member of their family as a result, it's inexcusable. And we find that a good trauma system will cut the number of trauma deaths by a third. And we think that this system will save lives and have a dramatic impact on trauma situations in the state of Nebraska. So that's what...what we do is we take the recommendations of a study that was started with the bill we passed a couple years ago; it made a recommendation that sets up a trauma board that